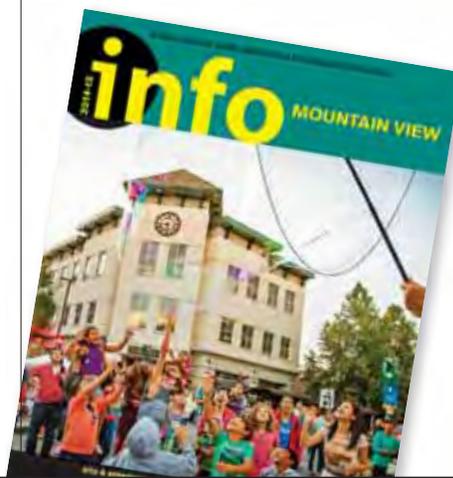


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A police officer applicant checks out Mountain View's SWAT booth during an open house for prospective new recruits. Military weapons and equipment are available for free to local police departments, and some of it has equipped Mountain View's SWAT team.

MV police seek military gear

LOCAL COPS REQUEST ASSAULT RIFLES, SWAT GEAR
FROM DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

By Kevin Forestieri

Police in Ferguson, Missouri, last month were criticized for being armed to the teeth when responding to

protests and riots. Their military weapons, armored vehicles and riot gear raised questions about the militarization of police departments across the country. The Mountain View

Police Department has a part-time SWAT team and minimal acquisitions from the federal government, but that doesn't

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Campaign sign vandal threatens candidate's life

By Daniel DeBolt

When council candidate Ken Rosenberg confronted a man destroying a fellow candidate's campaign sign last week, he didn't expect what happened next.

On the afternoon of Sept. 11, Rosenberg was driving when he saw a man vandalizing a

Pat Showalter for City Council campaign sign along the sidewalk at the corner of Evelyn Avenue and Madera Street, and stopped to ask the man why he was doing that.

"I just saw a sign being torn



Ken Rosenberg

down and it was Pat's — I like Pat," Rosenberg said of his fellow candidate. Rosenberg said he continued to question the man, saying, "If you don't answer my question, I'm going to call the police. He flipped me off. I don't want repeat what he said — it was kind of nasty."

As Rosenberg continued to

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City to impose fines on water-wasters

MORE RESTRICTIONS AS CITY SEEKS TO CUT
WATER USE BY 25 PERCENT

By Daniel DeBolt

Drought restrictions on water use got serious Tuesday night as the City Council voted to declare a "stage two" water use emergency, banning daytime landscape irrigation and the use of a hose to wash cars and other hard surfaces, among other restrictions.

The move was made despite significant water savings in recent months after a so-called stage one drought was declared in April. City-wide, water use was reduced by well over its 10 percent goal, but city officials now hope to meet the stage two goal of a 25 percent reduction. Those found to repeatedly violate the new water use prohibitions could face a \$500 fine.

Don Letcher was the only member of the public to speak out about the situation at the Sept. 16 meeting. "What I really object to is when you get into the punitive business," he said, calling \$500 a day fines "so unfair." He said businesses with lawns were the biggest water wasters.

Since April, the city has reduced water use by 10 percent in parks and street medians. Residential users have apparently been the biggest source of savings, as the city has reduced its use of Hetch-Hetchy water from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission by 22 percent and from the Santa Clara Valley Water District water by 17 percent. The city receives 87 percent of its water from the SFPUC-controlled Hetch-Hetchy aqueduct, 9 percent from Santa Clara Valley, and 4 percent from groundwater wells. The city has restricted use of well water, too.

Community services director

J. P. de la Montaigne answered questions from council members about when the city's golf course might be in trouble because of the drought. He said the city's golf course uses a mix of potable water and recycled water that is used for irrigation in much of Google's North Bayshore.

"We are actually down 30 percent on overall water use" at Shoreline Golf Links, de la Montaigne said. "If this drought continues it will make an impact on whether golf courses continue or not."

"Has that ever happened that you know of?" asked council member Jac Siegel. "Not that I know of," de la Montaigne responded.

To reduce water savings to 25 percent, the city has added water use prohibitions to those instituted in April, including a ban on washing vehicles and paved or hard surfaces, except by bucket or for health and safety reasons.

Watering or irrigating landscapes is prohibited:

- Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (except by bucket, hose, or for system repair).
- More than one to three days per week as determined by the Public Works Director (except for system repair).
- More than 15 minutes per day (except for drip irrigation or for system repair).
- During rain events.

Additionally, the city is also banning:

- Using potable water to fill decorative water features, except to sustain aquatic life.
- Using non-water-conserving dishwashing spray valves in res-

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Steve Caires, Sunnyvale



"I'd be interested in the iPhone 6. The watch doesn't really appeal to me at all. I don't care what my heart rate is."

Anne Johnston, Mountain View



"Slick and appealing, in a visual way. But I don't see how they will actually change the day-to-day life of what people are already doing with their phones."

Tony Puccinelli, Mountain View



"My feelings on Apple products in general is that there is a lot of peer pressure hovering around, like I want to keep up with the Joneses so I am going to buy this thing, not because I necessarily need it."

Phillip Woytowitz, Los Altos



"I thought they would come out with something very revolutionary, but it looks like every other watch out there. Personally, I think the Motorola watch is the best looking watch out there."

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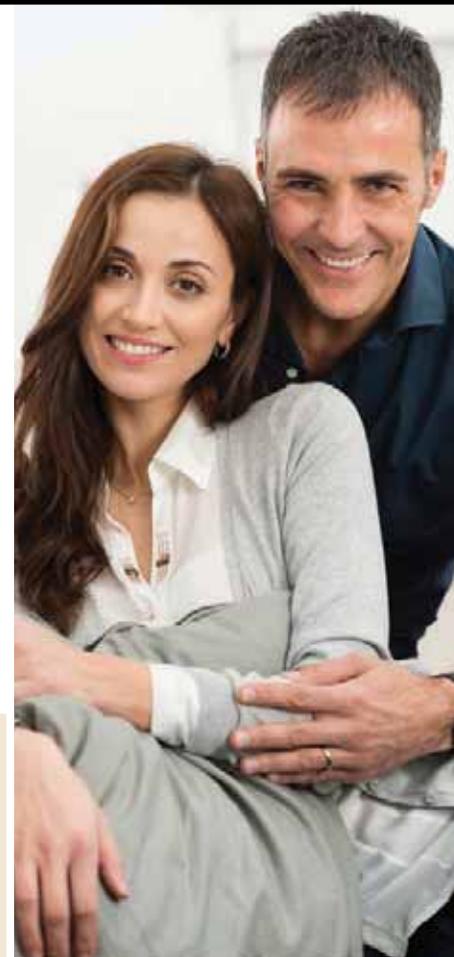
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CRIME BRIEFS

THREE ARRESTED AT WALMART

Police arrested three people last week after they allegedly entered the Mountain View Walmart with intent to steal.

Miguel Jimenez, 22, and Angeles Jimenez, 23, both from Menlo Park, and Marilyn Alvarez, an 18-year old Palo Alto woman, entered the Walmart at 600 Showers Drive at 6:40 p.m. on Sept. 10, and were apprehended outside the store by police and Walmart "loss prevention" officers, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department.

Miguel Jimenez had a 7-year-old girl with him, and allegedly removed her from the shopping cart he was pushing and put her on the ground. Jimenez then ran from police, and shouted to the girl to run as well, Jaeger said.

Miguel and Angeles Jimenez, along with Marilyn Alvarez, were arrested and booked into San Jose Main Jail on charges of burglary and conspiracy. Miguel Jimenez was also charged with possession of counterfeit government documents and child endangerment.

COCAINE SALES AT CONCERT

Police arrested two men after they were allegedly caught in possession of cocaine at a Blake Shelton concert Saturday.

Officers contacted a group of people drinking alcohol in a vehicle and requested the occupants exit the vehicle. One of the occupants, later identified as Brett Oppido, a 23-year-old Santa Clara man, fled on foot from the scene.

Police detained Oppido and, determined he was in possession of cocaine for sale. Another occupant in the vehicle, John Barros, a 26-year-old man out of Redwood City, was also found to be in possession of cocaine.

Both men were arrested and booked into San Jose Main Jail. Oppido was booked on charges of resisting arrest and possession of cocaine for sale, and Barros was booked on charges of possession of cocaine.

LAPTOP THEFT LEADS TO ARREST

Two men were arrested after a police investigation revealed they had allegedly stolen a \$1,500 laptop from the server room of a Mountain View business.

Victor Chavez, a 46-year-old San Jose man, and Joaquin Hermsillo, a 49-year-old man, were both employees of a telecommunications company making repairs at the victim's business at the 1300 block of Terra Bella Avenue on the day of the theft, according to the Mountain View Police Department website.

Detectives were able to track where the stolen laptop had connected to the internet following the theft, and located Chavez and the stolen laptop at the 1600 block of Bowling Green Drive in San Jose. Hermsillo was also located and arrested by police at the 1700 block of South King Road in San Jose.

Both men were booked into San Jose Main Jail on charges ranging from grand theft to receiving stolen property.

Kevin Forestieri

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AUTO BURGLARY

600 block San Antonio Rd., 9/10
 2100 block W. El Camino Real, 9/11
 2400 block Grant Rd., 9/13
 700 block Continental Cir., 9/13
 2400 block Grant Rd., 9/13
 700 block Continental Cir., 9/13

BATTERY

500 block View St., 9/10
 600 block Cuesta Dr., 9/10
 200 block Castro St., 9/15

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

600 block Showers Dr., 9/10
 500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 9/13
 2400 block Charleston Rd., 9/14
 700 block Castro St., 9/14

KIDNAPPING

700 block E. Evelyn Av., 9/13

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

500 block Minton Ln., 9/16

STOLEN VEHICLE

600 block Victor Way., 9/12
 100 block San Antonio Cir., 9/13
 2400 block Whitney Dr., 9/15

TERRORIST THREATS

W. Evelyn Av. & Madera Wy., 9/11

VANDALISM

1900 block Latham St., 9/10
 1100 block Castro St., 9/11
 1 block E. Middlefield Rd., 9/15

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COURTESY CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

This map of the proposed route for a free electric shuttle service is proving a challenge to Mountain View officials.

Community shuttle route still up in the air

By Daniel DeBolt

Though set to begin service this fall, the route and schedule still haven't been decided for the free community shuttles Google has donated to the city.

City officials had little to say about the issues being hashed out for the electric shuttle service in a meeting with Google's transportation planners on Sept. 15.

"Ironing out the route to incorporate as much of the

feedback as we've received and keeping the headways to a reasonable interval has been a challenge," said Shonda Ranson, city spokesperson. "Basically what we're trying to do is figure out if it's going to serve more people to pull in people from the corners of Mountain View to the center, or of it's going to serve more people to make it easier for them to cross completely from east to west."

City Council's scheduled action to approve the route has been delayed a month to Oct. 21.

Mountain View resident and professional transportation planner Cliff Chambers, a former member of the city's environmental sustainability task force, elaborated on the issues planners are facing. He said he has discussed the shuttle with the firm Google hired to plan the route and that he has planned such shuttle routes in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park.

Chambers said the proposed route, as shown on a map pre-

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Parents rally around teacher pay issue

INFORMATION FORUM ON ELEMENTARY DISTRICT SALARIES DRAWS A CROWD

By Kevin Forestieri

Parents rallied behind Mountain View Whisman School District teachers last night at an informal meeting to discuss the recent, contentious issues between the teacher union and the district. By the end of the night some parents were ready for a call to action, and encouraged people to contact the school board and garner community support.

Intended as an information forum, parents hosted the meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Bubb Elementary campus to discuss teacher salaries and compensation, and whether the district could — or should — use reserve funds to bolster teacher pay.

The discussion was sparked by the Sept. 4 school board meeting, when teachers showed up in force and demanded better compensation, saying that they are some of the lowest paid teachers in Santa Clara County. Teachers walked out of the meeting when Superintendent Craig Goldman defended the district's position in a heated response to the comments.

Leadership from the teacher union attended the parent meeting to answer questions regarding negotiations and teacher salaries, and presented a survey that paints a grim picture of how teachers feel about the district.

According to a survey of 152 Mountain View Whisman dis-

trict teachers, 47 percent say they are considering leaving the district, and 62 percent said they would most likely, or definitely, advise against working for the district.

Many teachers have left already, according to Jonathan Pharazyn, president of the Mountain View Educators Association. Pharazyn called the district a "transition" district because a high number of teachers are hired, get trained by the instructional coaches, and after a few years start shopping around for a new place to teach that has better compensation. He said based on information from board minutes, anywhere from 31 to 49 teachers have been hired each year over the last three years to deal with the high turnover rate.

Pharazyn told parents at the meeting that it feels like Goldman is running the district like a for-profit organization, reducing costs as much as possible and stowing away the savings instead of using them to benefit the students or improve the schools.

"Goldman looks at minimizing," Pharazyn said. "What is the least they can give in teacher salaries and get away with it."

Pharazyn said the negotiations are close to reaching its "natural conclusion," and both parties will either have an agreement or be at an impasse. Tommy Ochoa, vice president of the Mountain

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Council sacks increase in paper bag fee

By Daniel DeBolt

After learning how many residents are now toting reusable shopping bags, City Council members voted on Tuesday to cancel a fee hike for a paper bag in Mountain View's grocery stores that would have raised the price from 10 cents to 25 cents in January.

The higher fee was intended to discourage the use of paper bags — and encourage use of reusable bags — after plastic bags were banned in April 2013. But, according to city staff, the anticipated demand for paper bags "did

not materialize" since the plastic bag ban took effect. Meanwhile, reusable bag use went from 3 percent of shoppers before the ban to a whopping 89 percent after. "Therefore the increase to 25 cents is not necessary," said Cynthia Palacio, senior analyst for the city's public works department.

Only 11 percent of shoppers are using paper bags now, according to city staff, down from 66 percent before the ban.

Council members voted 6-0 to cancel the scheduled 25 cent charge. Mayor Chris Clark was absent. "I'm just thrilled with the

dramatic results of cutting back on the use (of plastic bags)," said council member Jac Siegel, adding that the ban made a

'These are not small problems, we have miles of plastic bags in the ocean.'

COUNCIL MEMBER RONIT BRYANT

large impact "without impacting shoppers very much."

Not everyone was happy. "I hope you realize there are a lot of inconveniences with hav-

ing to carry in a cloth bag," said resident Don Letcher.

"It wasn't a huge problem to begin with and it's not a huge problem now," said council candidate Jim Neal of plastic bag use, which he's defended many times

with the plastic bag ban, referring to the city's report that fewer bags were found stuck in the city's "trash capture device."

"These are not small problems, we have miles of plastic bags in the ocean," said council member Ronit Bryant. "I think the 10 cents serves to focus people minds on, 'Do I really need to use this?' It's a little jolt to your thinking — don't just do things without thinking about it."

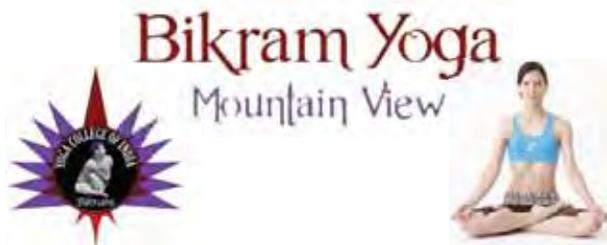
City staff said passing on the increase would keep the city in line with the 10 cent fee that will likely soon be part of a law prohibiting plastic bags statewide that is awaiting a signature from Gov. Jerry Brown. ■

George Kenneth Butts

May 2, 1921 – September 2, 2014

Ken Butts, 93, a Naval Pearl Harbor survivor, died September 2, 2014. Memorial services will be held September 20th at Christ Community Church of Milpitas, at 1000 S. Park Victoria Dr., Milpitas, CA at 11:00am. He is survived by his daughter and 2 grandchildren.

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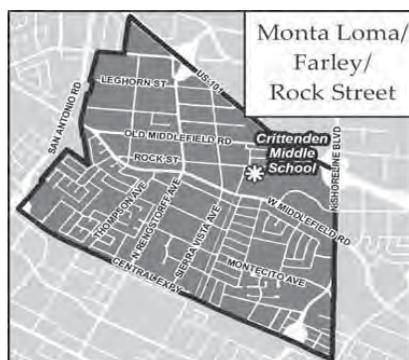
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The City of Mountain View Council Neighborhoods Committee will be meeting with residents in the Monta Loma/Farley/Rock Street Neighborhood area on October 2, at 7:00 p.m. (area designated on the map below).

The Council Neighborhoods Committee invites residents in this area to participate in a forum to hear about new projects in the community and discuss issues vital to your neighborhood. This is an opportunity to make a difference in the future of your neighborhood, and express your thoughts about ways to improve city services.

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MONTA LOMA/FARLEY/ROCK STREET NEIGHBORHOOD AREA



City rejects labor peace for gateway hotel

By Daniel DeBolt

In a closed-door meeting last week about a hotel and office development proposed for city land at 750 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View's City Council decided against a "labor peace" requirement that would have allowed union organizing to go on at the hotel without interference.

All seven City Council members refused to comment about the decision for the city's lease of the "Moffett Gateway" site this week, citing Brown Act provisions allowing real estate negotiations to happen behind closed doors. "Council has directed staff to not pursue a labor peace agreement requirement as a part of the project," announced City Attorney Jannie Quinn at the end of the Sept. 9 council meeting, adding that her announcement was not required by law.

"It appears that the council majority chose added city revenue over the right to bargain for fair pay and decent working conditions," said City Council candidate Lenny Siegel. "Since the city is in effect the indirect employer, the city is driving down pay."

In June the council voted 4-3 to select San Francisco-based Broadreach Capital over 11 other interested developers to develop the 6.7-acre site at on Moffett Boulevard near Highway 101. The development firm had proposed a 182-room hotel and 146,000-square-foot office building.

City staff had previously reported that the labor peace agreement would mean a reduction in city revenues from the Moffett gateway site, but that may be a "misguided assumption," said Sarah McDermott of Unite HERE local 19 — the main union organizing hotel workers in the area.

"Labor peace is a way for the city to protect its proprietary interests from a labor dispute and make sure its investment isn't going to be cut into by a labor dispute," McDermott said.

"Despite our expertise in this area, we were never consulted about any financial information (on revenue projections with and without labor peace)," McDermott said. "It is unclear to me that the city corroborated any financial info they were given or did their

due diligence on it."

Candidate reactions

Seven of this year's nine City Council candidates have told the South Bay Labor Council that they generally support labor peace, McDermott said. Greg Unangst and Jim Neal did not participate in the labor council's endorsement interview, but Unangst told the *Voice* that he is for a labor peace agreement on the site.

"I advocate the right of unions to organize and they should not be interfered with in doing that," Unangst said.

"I'm strongly in favor of labor peace," council candidate Margaret Capriles said. "This is something that really impacts people having their freedom to choose — I think this is what our country is based on."

***'We should be a city
where everyone can
earn a living wage.'***

LISA MATICHAK, COUNCIL CANDIDATE

"I believe this decision flies in the face of sustainability," candidate Siegel said. "Hotel workers need a union to have a chance of being able to live in or near Mountain View, and all 'labor peace' does is give them a fighting chance to bargain collectively."

"I am in support of labor peace agreements when possible," said candidate Ellen Kamei. "It is important to have all involved parties work collaboratively and in good faith for the duration of a project, and that the jobs created are good jobs that pay a living wage and provide benefits for people to be able to live in the area."

"We should be a city where everyone can earn a living wage," said candidate Lisa Matichak. "It is hard to comment on council closed session decisions since the discussion and deliberation is private and we have no way of knowing what transpired."

"I wholeheartedly disagree with the Council on this issue," said candidate Mercedes Salem. "I'm flabbergasted that the council

voted against Labor Peace. This was a chance to protect the city's investment and set a good standard for future developments. Labor Peace should have been required in the RFP while this was still a competitive process. Mountain View deserves more."

Siegel added that the issue would likely come up again if the proposal by Virgin Hotels for the city property at Hope Street and Evelyn Avenue moves forward.

Council member Margaret Abe-Koga and union members have warned that the consequences of no labor peace agreement can be seen at the Hyatt hotel in Santa Clara — a boycott and years of picketing by union members.

"The workers want an expedited process for joining the union and the boycott is cutting into the tax revenue that the city gets," McDermott said of the situation in Santa Clara. "So the city council in Santa Clara is very aware of that and we've been able to work well with them on other hotel projects," including a requirement for labor peace at the Hilton hotel in Santa Clara "because they didn't want another labor dispute."

"Workers are scared of losing their jobs if they fight for their rights," said Vanessa Anchondo, member of Local 19 of Unite HERE, who spoke to the council in June about the need for a labor peace agreement to secure decent wages. "I hope this project can move forward with labor peace in place so the project can move forward without labor unrest and give workers like me a voice."

Last November, Abe-Koga had argued for a labor peace agreement, saying the developer and hotel operator "would agree to not interfere with labor and what the city would get in return is there would be no labor unrest."

Countering her were council members Jac Siegel, Mike Kasperzak and then-mayor John Inks, who blamed a required labor peace agreement for the demise of deals to subsidize a four-star hotel on city land at Charleston Road and Shoreline Boulevard — one with Google in 2008 and another with Robert Greene in 2010. Abe-Koga blamed the recession for the failed North Bayshore hotel deals. ▣

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Landscape irrigation will be allowed no more than three days a week for now, as the city has been meeting its water conserva-

tion targets, but may decrease if the drought worsens.

The city shut down its own water features, including the fountain in Civic Center Plaza, earlier this month.

If the drought continues to worsen, the city may call for further stage three drought restrictions to cut water use by 40 percent. ▣

A one-stop source for health care classes

FOOTHILL COLLEGE ROLLS OUT NEW PROGRAM FOR PARAMEDICS, DOCTORS, NURSES

By Kevin Forestieri

Foothill College has partnered up with a medical training company to help health care professionals to stay certified in their field.

In a joint effort with Medics For Life, Inc., the community college is hosting a new program that allows health care professionals, such as emergency medical technicians (EMTs), doctors and nurses, to take the continuing education classes they need to stay licensed. The new classes will be available at Foothill's Middlefield campus in Palo Alto by November.

And that's good timing for medical professionals in Silicon Valley, according to Tracy Villanueva, CEO of Medics For Life. Villanueva said the San Francisco Paramedics Association used to provide the classes people needed to stay certified, but went out of business at the end of May.

"Since then, there's been a void in this area for these classes, particularly the range of classes they had," Villanueva said. "We want Foothill College to be the premier place for health care professionals."

The classes are generally one or two days long, and range from emergency cardiac care to advanced cardiovascular life support. Villanueva said the program will also include classes for the general public, giving access to first aid, CPR and other training courses.

"We're happy to put on classes for groups," Villanueva said. "Like whole companies that want to get everyone certified."

Right now, classes offered through the emergency medical services program at Foothill College are closed off to the public, according to Dave Huseman, program director for the EMS Education Center. If emergency medical technicians want to get re-certified, they would have to enroll in the college to take the classes. The new program, he said, would open the doors to health care professionals as well as anyone else.

"If someone wants to start learning about (electrocardiography) they can take a class and maybe spark an interest," Huseman said.

He said there's not a lot of venues where people can take health care classes all under one roof, and rarely with a consistent schedule.

"We will offer (classes) on a much more continuous sched-

ule," Huseman said. "Some places offer classes a few times a year, we're going to have them multiple times a month at Foothill."

In the partnership, Foothill College will provide the facilities and the equipment, and Medics For Life will provide the instruction and the "know how" to host health care classes, according to Nanette Solvason, dean of biological and health sciences at Foothill College. She said it's normally a huge hurdle to get instructors certified by the American Heart Association, a requirement for teaching some of the classes, but they

The parcel was home to the "Blue Cube," a windowless, nine-story building that could be seen from Highway 101. The facility was used during the Cold War to monitor satellites for the U.S. Department of Defense. Onizuka Air Force Station was shut down in 2011, and the Blue Cube was subsequently demolished April.

The college district will begin construction later this year on a 50,000-square-foot education facility, which will house the new, expanded health care program, and will be built using some parts of the old Air Force station.

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'There's been a void in this area for these classes.'

TRACY VILLANUEVA

can skip that step altogether because of the partnership.

Villanueva said there's a lot involved getting paramedic instructors certified.

"It's not something Foothill College has the bandwidth to do alone," Villanueva said.

The college does need to get the programs up and running, and that includes some hefty initial costs. Solvason said the programs are very expensive — the mannequins used in class can cost \$100,000 each. She said part of the class fees will go towards re-investing in the program for future improvements.

Foothill already offers a range of health care classes, including dental hygiene, ultrasound training, radiology and respiratory therapy.

Replacing the Blue Cube

The new classes will be offered at the Middlefield campus in Palo Alto this November — but not for long. The Foothill-De Anza Community College District announced plans in 2012 to leave the Cubberley Community Center in favor of a 9-acre plot of land at Moffett Federal Airfield, and will bring the new health care program with it.

The former Onizuka Air Force Station, on the Sunnyvale side of Moffett, was granted to the college district through public benefit conveyance in February of last year, transferring over the 9.15 acres of land to the district free of charge.

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Double the pleasure in 'House & Garden'

PEAR AVENUE THEATRE PRESENTS ALAN AYCKBOURN'S
DIPTYCH DRAWING-ROOM COMEDY

By Elizabeth Schwyzer

Theater Review

Premiered in the playwright's native England in 1999, Alan Ayckbourn's "House & Garden" is a rare theatrical phenomenon: a pair of plays intended to be performed simultaneously, by one cast, for two audiences.

This ambitious production calls for fourteen actors and two theaters; in taking it on, The Pear Avenue Theatre has taken over an auxiliary space two doors down from the main black box. Be forewarned: The "garden" is not air-conditioned, though hand-held fans are provided. Dress for heat, especially at matinees.

The temperature of the second theater notwithstanding, "Garden" is far the steamier of the two productions; the ribald farce to the more contained drawing-room comedy of "House." In both cases, a whole slew of dramas unfold across one afternoon at a country estate in Yorkshire, most of which have to do with men who won't behave themselves and the women in their lives who suffer as a result.

In "House," we first meet the impervious Trish Platt (commandingly played by Betsy Kruse Craig), the daughter of an admiral who has decided to completely ignore her philandering dolt of a husband, Teddy.

"Infidelity," she coolly decrees, "is no reason to call off lunch."

As played by Dan Kapler, Teddy is so hapless — and so clearly unhappy — that the more brazen his dalliances become, the more sympathy one feels for him. By contrast, Teddy's old school friend Gavin (Scott Solomon), a shadowy figure caught up in the political machinations of Downing Street, is as Trish observes not so much a fox as a lizard: cold-blooded and calculating.

Gavin has come to the Platt estate in hopes of ensnaring Teddy as a kind of decoy for the

Conservative Party, and his visit happens to have coincided with a garden fete, as well as the appearance of a glamorous French film star with a serious drinking problem. Trish and Teddy's precocious teenaged daughter, Sally (Briana Mitchell), is a left-leaning member of her school's political society: a young woman with a strong will, powerful ideals and a coat of emotional armor befitting her circumstances. Like her father, Sally has a bad habit of interrupting her interlocutors, but unlike him she has enough intelligence and dawning self-awareness to catch herself at her own game.

While Trish and Sally spend much of their time inside the house, Teddy retreats to the garden, where in the course of a few hours he holds a rendezvous in the shrubbery with his best friend's wife, and is caught in flagrante with the French film star Lucille Cadeau (Nicole Martin).

Meanwhile, a whole cast of working class characters who pass through "House" as little but ghosts come to life in "Garden." Among them is the gardener Warn (Nicolae Muntean). He's a man of few words, but here on his own turf he proffers the occasional bon mot ("Bloody women!") before getting on with the mowing. He's joined by

*What: 'House & Garden'**Where: The Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave. Unit K, Mountain View**When: Through Oct. 5 with shows Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday at 2 p.m.**Cost: Tickets range from \$20 to \$30.**Info: Go to thepear.org or call 650-254-1148*

mother-daughter housemaids Izzy (Patricia Tyler, who nails it) and Pearl (Lucy Littlewood) in an unlikely threesome. Their antics are punctuated by the incessant arrivals and departures of workers Lindy and Barry Love (Janine Saunders Evans, Brian Flegel), who offer up yet another example of romantic love gone wrong. Teddy's best friend and next-door neighbor Giles (Kurt Gravenhorst) and his son Jake (Jeremy Ryan) are the only decent men around, yet in their anxious vigilance they are as much neutered and ineffectual as they are good.

Scenic designer Jaime Giovannone conjures two distinct sets with limited space and resources.

Though each play is intended to stand on its own, it's worth seeing both to appreciate the production's cleverly interwoven narratives. As directed by Jeanie Smith, "House & Garden" together capture Ayckbourn's Shakespearean delight in social commentary: the ribbing of the unsophisticated working class on the one hand, the mocking of the vacuous pomposity of the upper class on the other.

The plays are designed to be seen in either order, though having seen "House" first, I'd advocate for that. For those who really can't make it to both, you've got your pick between the simmering tensions of "House" on the one hand, and "Garden"'s slapstick physical comedy on the other. Yet no matter how goofy things get in the garden, the plays are ultimately about household tragedies: infidelity, lies, loss, and the way we armor ourselves against the slings and arrows of it all.

Right at the heart of this pair of productions are Trish and Sally: strong women who must decide whether to "go down with the ship" or to save themselves. Marriage, it seems, isn't the only happy ending.

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ROSENBERG

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question the man, the man responded in what police described as a "completely disproportionate" way, making threats against Rosenberg's life. "(He said) he could put a bullet in my head," Rosenberg recalled. At one point Rosenberg said the man formed his fingers into the shape of a gun and motioned inside his jacket,

as if to show that he had a gun. Shortly thereafter, Rosenberg said he called the police.

The Madera apartment complex was quickly surrounded by police looking for the man, Rosenberg said. He was eventually caught after a parking enforcement officer spotted him downtown. Rosenberg said he was asked to identify him and "it was pretty obvious it was him."

Police identified the man

as 23-year-old John Torres of Sunnyvale. Torres was booked into Santa Clara County jail on a felony charge of terrorist threats and a misdemeanor charge of vandalism, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department.

"While it was happening I never felt threatened," Rosenberg said. It wasn't until the next day, he said, that he realized the magnitude of the situation. ■

SHUTTLE ROUTE

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sented to the public at a n Aug. 12 public input meeting, is too long and indirect to attract maximum ridership. It could also mean unacceptably long waits between shuttles.

"If you want to attract residents of a broader market you really need to have more direct service," Chambers said. "Right now it has a lot of out-of-direction travel."

For example, if a rider out in North Bayshore on Pear Avenue wanted to go downtown, they would have to go all the way around by San Antonio shopping center. "With that kind of out-of-direction travel you tend to get a lot of seniors. They don't really mind out-of-direction travel."

What Chambers suggested instead is to have a figure eight-shaped route where the center converges on downtown. That way, most stops would have a more direct route to the city's

center, its shops, restaurant, offices and the downtown transit hub. There could also be four small routes that all meet downtown, so riders could choose to transfer to another route, or ride the shuttle as it rotates onto another route.

"I think the focus of this should be on downtown," Chambers said, adding that it's advantageous that Mountain View's downtown is in the center of city.

City officials proposed in July that the shuttles would run every 30 minutes on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and every hour on weekends and holidays from noon to 8 p.m.

"This service isn't intended for commuting to work or school," said Mayor Chris Clark when the shuttle was announced in July. "It's really about picking up a prescription, heading to the park, hopping downtown for lunch and catching an early matinee."

Chambers said a big issue is that neighborhood shuttles have

an average speed of 13 miles an hour. With two shuttles going in one direction and two going in the other direction, the shuttles would have average headways of 42 minutes on the proposed 18 mile route.

"You can't do everything," Chambers said. "They are trying to go out to Shoreline, Alta Vista high school, Whisman, it's just too much. I can understand why, but that's the mistake systems can make. It's a gift, so you only have four vehicles. You've got to make do with what you've got."

Chambers said it would be "very important" to have headways of no more than 30 minutes, "so you don't have to look at the schedule. That makes a huge difference in attracting riders because they know when the shuttle comes, he said.

It would also mean a route of no more than 13 miles, if Google sticks with its plan of gifting the city only four shuttles. Chambers said there was actually a fifth shuttle in the wings, which

could be used to recover from delays, another very important thing to plan for if a reputation for reliability is to be achieved, Chambers said.

"I just have to stress though overall, if you are going to attract riders, it needs to be as frequent as you can possibly make it," Chambers said. "It needs to be direct and reliable. With the four vehicles, that means a smaller area (of service)."

Chambers said he was disappointed to see that Google had chosen what he called "cutaway buses" to use as shuttle vehicles, because the passenger area is built rather high on top of a truck chassis, which makes it harder for seniors and those in wheelchairs to board. He said there were many other proven "low floor" options that could have been chosen to allow wheelchair users to quickly board via a ramp.

The shuttle is already being heralded as the solution to a bevy of Mountain View's transportation

problems by City Council candidates, who have been praising it in various discussion forums.

"There's just a lot of expectations," Chambers said. "Certainly you want to take full advantage of the gift Google is giving. You've got to be clear on what the objectives are."

Chambers questioned the use of the shuttle to serve Mountain View and Alta Vista high schools, which adds three miles to the route that might otherwise end at El Camino Hospital.

"Running the bus out there, isn't the place to start and end a route, in my opinion," Chambers said. "There's federal regulations that don't allow you to provide school service." Nevertheless transit agencies do serve schools, and there is already a VTA route that serves both high schools. "Sam-Trans has a number of routes where they've worked with schools. Those buses are packed full with students, so there's ways to do it, to get ridership." ■

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUMS

October will be a busy month for City Council candidate forums, including a new one this election year organized by Peninsula Interfaith Action, rescheduled from Sept. 25 to Oct. 10 so as not to conflict with the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah.

The PIA event will feature housing issues as the main topic of discussion and will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 748 Mercy St., in downtown Mountain View.

The Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association will hold a candidate forum at the Mountain View Public Library Community Room on 585 Franklin St. on Monday, Oct. 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Mountain View's cable access channel KMVT 15 is hosting a live debate on Wednesday, October 8th, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. It will be streamed online live as well as broadcast on live on Comcast channel 15 and AT&T U-verse channel 99

A candidate forum organized by residents of the Whisman area will be held at the California Station Clubhouse on Pacific Drive on Thursday, Oct. 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., according to Whisman Station resident Bruce England.

Google and the League of Women Voters are sponsoring a candidate forum at Google Headquarters at 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway on Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit the League of Women Voters' website at lwvlamv.org

The Greater San Antonio Community Association will host a candidate forum at the Senior Center on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

—Voice staff

SIMITIAN HOLDS SIDEWALK OFFICE HOURS

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, who represents Mountain View, is inviting community members to stop by with their ideas regarding local issues. Simitian has hosted "sidewalk office hours" at several farmers' markets around the county this month. The final session will take place this weekend in Mountain View.

"It's tremendously helpful to hear first-hand what folks have on their minds," said Simitian.

Simitian invites locals to stop by and see him at the Mountain View Farmers' Market, on Sunday, Sept. 21, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The market is at the Caltrain station at 600 W. Evelyn Ave., and runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

—Madeleine Gerson

NEW BIKE SAFETY LAW

A new state law requiring motorists to keep a 3-foot buffer zone when overtaking or passing bicyclists took effect this week.

If 3 feet is not available, a driver must slow down to a safe speed and pass when no danger is present, according to a California Highway Patrol press release.

"Motorists are reminded to pay close attention as the school year approaches and exercise caution when they see bicyclists on the road," said CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow in the press release.

In 2012, 153 bicyclists were killed in California, a 7 percent increase from 2011, according to data from the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System. Those deaths accounted for 5 percent of the total collision fatalities in the state.

The fine for violating the 3-foot rule is \$35, plus fees. The basic fine rises to \$220 plus fees if a collision occurs, plus court costs, according to a California Bicycle Coalition press release.

—My Nguyen

YOUNG DESIGNERS

DezignKidz, an organization which has trained local children to create fashion, has been invited to attend Bay Area Fashion Week. The purpose of Fashion Week is to raise funds for various charities by having young designers showcase their work. Children from Mountain View who are participating include Mica and Maya Horton from Springer Elementary School and Samantha Hasaki from Benjamin Bubb Elementary School, said Kathy Bonte of DezignKidz.

The Bay Area Children's Fashion Show will take place at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at Four Points by Sheraton, at 211 S. First St. in San Jose. The young designers will showcase clothing made in this year's DezignKidz summer camp, said Bonte.

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TEACHER SUPPORT

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View Educators Association, said this is the closest they've ever come to not having an agreement with the district. The next negotiating session is on Sept. 24.

Following the comments by Pharazyn and Ochoa, many parents said they were ready to act, but weren't sure how. Ochoa said the Sept. 4 board meeting was a good start, but felt parents needed to continue to show their support by emailing board members and commenting at future board meetings.

A Graham parent at the meeting said she thinks most parents don't know about these issues, and that they would be upset

to find out teachers are being impacted by low teacher salaries — which in turn impacts their students.

Selim Freiha, a Bubb parent, said parents should focus on the possible "cascading" effect that can happen if the district continues to restrict school funding in favor of reserves. He said the lower funding can reduce the quality of Mountain View schools, which could bring down the property value of nearby homes and have a much larger effect on the community. Freiha suggested parents reach out to the city of Mountain View, which he said has a vested interest in what the district does with its reserves.

Parents left the meeting without a clear idea of whether or not

a teacher salary increase would be a sustainable move for the district. Funds from Shoreline Community special tax district and the \$20 million built up as reserve money over several years could be used for teacher salaries, but neither are guaranteed sources of revenue for on-going costs.

But to Ochoa, the burden of proof should be on the school district.

"We need to hold the superintendent's claims accountable," Ochoa said. "Demand to know why an increase in teacher compensation would be financially infeasible."

Former school board member Steve Olson attended the parent meeting, and said there's been a

real shift in the board's spending mentality since his term. Olson served from 2008 to 2012, during the worst of the recession, and said the old mentality was "four years of fear" as the district weathered steep cuts to funding. Now things have changed, he said, and as soon as the economy improved the board started looking at opening a new school.

Olson said the board has no incentive or reason to hoard money, and that it really comes down to competing priorities — teacher compensation being one of them.

"Nobody wants to not spend that money. They want to spend it," Olson said. "Getting (teachers) up to speed would likely take up all of the discretionary funds."

Though school board members are restricted in what they can say to the public about teacher negotiations, Olson said he thought the board members were shaken up after the Sept. 4 board meeting, and seemed empathetic to the teachers and their grievances.

Ochoa said the district has a transparency problem, and that board members are not clued in by district staff about what's going on in regards to negotiations and teacher compensation. Parent and school board candidate Hafsa Mirza said the board members need to know more about what's going on with teacher negotiations.

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MILITARY GEAR

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mean it won't be accepting some of the military's largesse.

Police departments across the country have been taking advantage of the so-called 1033 program, where military hardware can be transferred to local law enforcement agencies free of charge. In 2013 alone, \$4.5 million worth of property was transferred to law enforcement agencies, according to the Defense Logistics Agency, which handles the program.

The last acquisition by the Mountain View Police Department was 15 years ago, when the department received backpacks, gloves and rain gear for the SWAT team, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger. More recently, police ordered 20 new assault rifles. Jae-

ger said the move was more of a frugal choice than anything else — the department either replaces the old rifles at \$1,000 each, or it gets all 20 for free.

He said the program has been great for saving the city money, and that the public outcry over 1033 acquisitions has been a "little reactionary."

"It's a cost-saving thing blown way out of proportion," Jaeger said. "We would've gotten it anyway."

Jaeger said the new assault rifles would not expand the current SWAT team arsenal, and instead would replace old firearms used primarily for training. He said the department tries to avoid using riot gear for cases of unrest, which are a rare sight in Mountain View. He said the police department gets a few "critical incident" call-outs a

year, and normally the SWAT team is called out and on standby rather than actively involved in the situation.

"Rarely does anyone see our (SWAT) team. We don't put them out on parade," Jaeger said. "In the last 12 years I've never donned riot gear."

Jaeger said the police department could benefit from getting an armored vehicle through the 1033 program. When an armed man barricaded himself at his apartment last July for several hours, police were able to use the Sunnyvale Public Safety Department's BearCat — Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter Attack Truck — to get right up to the apartment complex for negotiations.

"Would it help if we had an armored vehicle? Maybe," Jaeger said, noting that it would

enable the SWAT team to execute high-risk warrants with more protection.

Sunnyvale police picked up the BearCat about seven or eight years ago, and use it a handful of times each year, according to Capt. Jeff Hunter of the Sunnyvale Public Safety Department. Hunter said the vehicle, which he said looks similar to a Wells Fargo armored truck, is useful in situations involving firearms, and allows police an extra level of safety when approaching the scene of an incident.

"Sure we can walk up with a shield, but it won't cover 360 degrees of our body," Hunter said. "With the (BearCat) you can drive right up to the house."

Other Bay Area cities have opted for even larger armored vehicles. The Redwood City Police Department purchased

a Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle, or MRAP, earlier this year. Jaeger said the MRAP is a \$750,000 six-wheeled, mine-proof, bullet-proof vehicle — and it's free to the police department.

Jaeger said the SWAT team does very little in the way of kicking down doors, and most of the work they do involves high-risk arrests and high-risk entries. And unlike a huge police force like the Los Angeles Police Department, which has a full-time SWAT team at the ready for dangerous incidents, Mountain View has a part-time team composed of detectives and other police officers. It takes a longer time to get the SWAT team geared up and mobilized, but that buffer time can have some benefits.

Jaeger said that if there's a false call or a false bomb threat, first-responding officers who make it to the scene prior to the SWAT team can determine whether or not it's a situation that requires a critical response.

"For us, that system works well," Jaeger said.

Recent false calls include a bomb threat at a Walgreens in Mountain View in June, when a caller demanding money threatened to have an accomplice leave a bomb in the store. No explosives were found after hours of investigation involving two bomb-sniffing dogs.

The delayed deployment of the Mountain View SWAT team might help to avoid the recent uptick in "swatting," a prank where someone calls in a false emergency to 911 dispatchers and causes police to deploy bomb squads and SWAT units to respond to what they think is a critical incident. The prank can lead to a huge response, with more than a dozen armed SWAT officers entering a residence where no crime is being committed.

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■ GUEST OPINIONS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

Two sides of North Bayshore housing debate

THE CITY NEEDS HOUSING, NOT JUST OFFICES

By Jane Horton

At the end of the Tuesday's City Council study session on the North Bayshore Precise Plan, some council members urged that the entire proposed 3.4 million square feet of offices be quickly built to bring in money to pay for transportation and other improvements.

I urge the Mountain View City Council to slow down and not approve this plan as is.

I am a longtime Mountain View resident in the North Whisman neighborhood, and I have worked in the North Bayshore area for the last eight years. I am a bicycle commuter to and from North Bayshore; in my years of bicycle commuting, I have seen the area develop and traffic congestion become very impactful on quality-of-life issues.

It is fortunate that both Google and Intuit provide buses for many of their employees, but the number of cars that crowd our freeways, Shoreline Boulevard, Rengstorff Avenue and San Antonio Road every weekday morning and evening is mind-boggling. I dread the congestion and strain on our infrastructure from the cars and buses for the many more workers — city staff estimates there will be about 13,346 new workers — who will fill the proposed 3.4 million square feet of office spaces.

Most people I talk with are not aware that this huge and costly development is on the verge of approval. But when they hear about it, people react with comments such as: "Where are people going to live?" "Are we just asking thousands of more people to drive into and then leave Mountain View every day?" "We are already being priced out of Mountain View because there is a housing shortage!" and "I already can't drive my car in Mountain View during commute hours."

I feel connected to this great town and to many of the people who also live or work here and who also love this town. I believe that this project has to be communicated to Mountain View residents and Mountain View workers much more aggressively, because this plan affects thousands and thousands of people, including our neighbors in Sunnyvale and Palo Alto.

If there is no housing included in the North Bayshore plan, then we increase the already out-of-balance situation we have between housing and jobs. With people being housed out of Mountain View, we risk losing our diversity and our unique character.

Do the people who work in North Bayshore also want to live there? Mountain View has not asked companies to survey their employees. The proposed development could be modified to produce mixed-use neighborhoods with housing and retail mixed with business. Mountain View could be known as the premier and creative town for combining housing and retail, bicycle paths and pedestrian byways, all planned from inception. We can take

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ADDING HOUSING WON'T SOLVE ANY PROBLEMS

By Jac Siegel

The three main reasons people give for wanting to build housing in North Bayshore are to reduce the Green House Gas (GHG) emissions from commuters by having people live close to work, to improve the workers' quality of life by not having a long commute, and to create additional affordable housing in Mountain View.

I believe we should not build housing in North Bayshore area because doing so would not achieve any of these desirable effects.

There are no services for residents located in North Bayshore, such as grocery stores, medical and dental offices, pharmacies, schools, libraries, and general retail. Therefore, residents would need to make trips across Highway 101 to get these services, impacting both GHG and quality of life.

Housing costs would be very high. If land is selling for \$10 million to \$20 million per acre, using \$15 million as an average price, the density is 50 units per acre (approximately the same as the Park Place and Madera apartment complexes), and the unit costs without the building, just for the land, would be about \$300,000 per unit. Building costs are about \$300 per square foot or \$300,000 for a 1,000-square-foot apartment (two bedrooms). Completed unit costs (including fees, permits and profits) will cost about \$800,000 per unit and rent for \$5,000 to \$10,000 per month. This will in no way lower the cost of housing anywhere in Mountain View.

If 1,000 units of housing were built, it will be an almost insignificant reduction in emissions. There are now about 26,000 single occupancy vehicle (SOV) trips a day going into North Bayshore, with an SOV rate of 61 percent. If 3.4 million new square feet of office space is built, there will be 38,000 SOV trips if an overall SOV rate in North Bayshore of 45 percent is achieved (very challenging). That would mean only 1,000 of the 38,000 SOV trips might be reduced. This is only a 1 to 2 percent reduction in vehicle trips by building five buildings the size of Madera, that have 200 units and are five stories high. The mythical 5,000 units would be the equivalent of 25 Madera complexes.

There is no such thing as "Balanced Mountain View." We have gone way past this point of balanced jobs-housing and we cannot build our way out of the jobs-to-housing issues. If we did this, you probably would not want to live here due to congestion, traffic, smog and high costs. We currently have 2,800 other units of housing in the pipeline being built and East Whisman can accommodate another 1,100 units.

Building housing in North Bayshore will do nothing to reduce the volume of other new housing being built elsewhere in Mountain View. The overall effect will be to increase the

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advantage of brilliant minds here in Silicon Valley to develop holistic communities that incorporate housing with busi-

ness. Mountain View should encourage the businesses in North Bayshore to partner with the city and create a plan with co-located housing, lower carbon emissions and more

community benefits than the proposed plan. No Housing, No Plan!

Jane Horton is a resident and a member of the Campaign for Balance Mountain View

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density and traffic all over Mountain View impacting overall quality of life. More is more!

Here are some other reasons to reject housing in North Bayshore:

Conflict between Commercial, Residential and Open Space Land Uses:

- After meeting with several large companies in North Bayshore, only one very unique company is an advocate for housing there. Reasons given by those who are not interested varied from high costs to "my employees will want to leave and go home," to concern over con-

flicts between housing and commercial uses.

- Noise from Shoreline Amphitheatre is definitely an issue for housing in North Bayshore. Yes, there is the NASA Wind Tunnel, and people tolerate it, but its noise duration is minutes during the day and everyone strongly dislikes it. Commercial lighting of buildings all night is another example of commercial and residential use conflict.

- North Bayshore has toxics in the ground left over from prior dirty industrial uses. Identified mitigation approaches support light industrial uses, but are questionable for residential uses,

given possible health effects.

- Bay wetlands wildlife will be impacted by housing. There will be no time for rest or quiet time for the area, and pets will roam and kill wildlife.
- Finally, there is the "Company Town" problem. If a company has 5,000 employees in North Bayshore, it basically can control the city by voting anyone into office it wants, based upon the number of voters it takes to win an election here. We will have turned our city over to the local corporations!

Jac Siegel is a Mountain View resident and a member of the City Council.

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Review by Dale F. Bentson

My mother never made lasagna. We ate spaghetti Bolognese every Thursday, although we just called it noodles with meat sauce. No frills, and sprinkled with Parmesan cheese from that familiar green cardboard tube. No lasagna in our family. It wasn't until later that I experienced the layered pleasures of sheet pasta.

Doppio Zero on Castro Street in Mountain View makes me want to sing the praises of lasagna. Their Neapolitan lasagna (\$16) is the best I've ever had. Not that I claim innate expertise of the dish, but I've made up for lost time these past few decades.

It's not a vegetarian lasagna, either — no zucchini, spinach, squash or eggplant. It's the real deal, with tiers of ground beef, veal, pork, gooey mozzarella and tangy tomato sauce with a singular green basil leaf atop, not unlike how Faberge overlaid an exquisite egg with a goldleaf jewel.

During late summer, an overhead California sycamore, slightly tinged with gold-orange leaves, dropped a leaf on my alfresco table. It momentarily broke my concentration but my knife quickly resumed gliding through the

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Neapolitan-style lasagna is a highlight at Doppio Zero in Mountain View.



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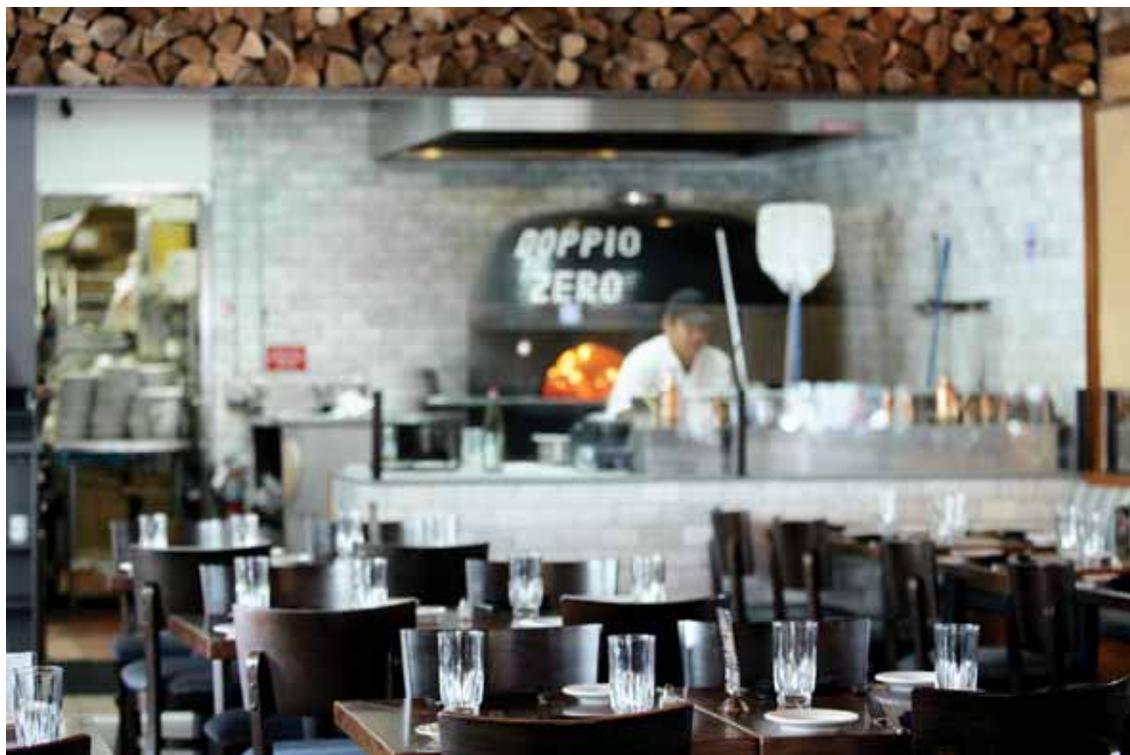
crimson tomato sauce with gilt-capped cheese. No talking during this meal. I was giddy with delight.

It has been claimed that aroma is 80 percent of taste. I don't disagree but the sight of that lasagna coming to my table revved up the taste buds before the ambrosial scents wafted nostril-wards. I took home what I dared not eat. It reheated just fine, still lush and inviting, forkful after forkful, perhaps not quite as good as fresh from the pan, but close.

Gianni Chiloiro, a longtime restaurateur who owned Figo and Pasta Q in downtown Palo Alto, has partnered with Angelo Sannino, another restaurant veteran with an impressive resume. Sannino's brother, Alberto, a 20-year pizza artisan, was lured from Naples, and is Doppio Zero's master pizzaiolo (pizza maker).

Despite my infatuation with the lasagna, Doppio Zero's cuisine of the Campania region is especially focused on Neapolitan-style pizza. "Doppio zero" refers to the grade of flour used in making the pizza dough, double zero being the finest and lightest grade.

Their 5,500-pound Stefano



The brick pizza oven at Doppio Zero cooks pizzas in under two minutes.

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Ferrara brick oven bakes pizzas in 70 to 90 seconds at 800 to 900 degrees. The pizza crusts on my orders were perfect — puffy, light, slightly blistered, pliant and chewy. The pizzaiolo evolves the pizza menu seasonally.

I loved the pizza Alberto (\$19) with house-made mozza-

rella, cream of walnut, porcini mushrooms, pecorino Romano cheese and fresh basil. Bits of walnut added the occasional surprise of crunch. There was nice char on the crust of this very rich-tasting pizza.

Not exactly a pizza, the pizza salad (\$10) comes in flatbread

form with the same dough used in pizza crusts. The flatbread was piled high with crisp organic arugula, tomatoes, red onion and shaved Parmigiano-Reggiano, tossed in a zesty lemon vinaigrette. Alas, the pizza salad is only available at lunch.

I didn't adore all the pizzas



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though. The bold tasting pizza Napoletana (\$13) with tomato sauce, anchovies, olives, oregano and fresh garlic looked beautiful as it sat before me. The salty anchovies, though, overwhelmed the pizza. Not only were there whole fillets, anchovies had been chopped into the sauce as well. There was no escaping the salt shaker taste. Better quality anchovies, or longer soaking before use would tone down the saltiness.

One other dish was wild with salt. Polipetti (\$11) — baby octopus with tomato sauce, Kalamata olives and capers — was so salty my tongue burned. Too bad, because the octopus was tender and the dish looked delightful. Salt brings out flavor but shouldn't be mistaken for flavor.

Every other dish I ordered was delicious. The melanzane alla parmigiana (\$11) brings Neapolitan-style layers of eggplant with basil, buffalo mozzarella and roasted tomato puree, drizzled with olive oil. It was the kind of dish I would be happy eating often as an antipasto, first course or main course.

Pollo a la Milanese (\$18) was a somewhat odd yet delicious dish of breaded chicken Milanese piled over with arugula, tomato and onion, and served with french fries. The chicken was

fork-tender, the greens crunchy and the french fries crisp, but I wasn't sure why there were french fries with southern Italian food.

The interior of Doppio Zero is smart with bare tables, wood and upholstered chairs, mustard-colored walls and festive chandeliers. It seats 75 inside, another dozen at the bar and 30 in a patio along the street.

Chiloiro is rightly proud of the beverage program, which features hand-crafted cocktails from champion mixologist Carlo Splendorini, 10 craft beers on tap

and a worthwhile wine list with more 60 labels.

Tiramisu (\$8) was the only house-made dessert, with ladyfingers, espresso, mascarpone cheese and cocoa powder — creamy, feather light and ambrosial.

Doppio Zero isn't just another Italian restaurant. They specialize in the cuisine of Campania, excel with pizza and have elevated lasagna to cloud nine status. If my ever-slender mother was still around, I am sure she would ask for a second helping of their noodles with meat sauce. ▀

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- ★ Skip it
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- ★★★ A good bet
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MOVIE OPENINGS

MY OLD LADY ★★★

(Century 16) Life has a way of making strange bedfellows. With his late-breaking directorial debut “My Old Lady,” septuagenarian playwright Israel Horowitz offers up a “three-hander” that proves the point by offering choice roles to Kevin Kline, Dame Maggie Smith and Kristin Scott Thomas.

Kline plays down-and-out novelist Mathias Gold, who spends his last dime on a plane ticket to Paris to claim and resell the apartment of his recently deceased father. There’s but one problem: The apartment remains occupied by the previous owner Mathilde Girard (Smith), whose arrangement with Gold’s father entitled her not only to remain in the apartment after having sold it to him, but, under France’s peculiar viager system, to command a monthly fee for doing so. Girard allows the destitute Gold to stay with her until he works out his next move, much to the withering-glare chagrin of her house guest — and daughter — Chloe (Thomas).

These are the makings of



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Kevin Kline plays Mathias, a down-and-out New Yorker who inherits a Paris apartment in “My Old Lady.”

some kind of farce, but Horowitz has in mind to dig, painfully and deeply, under the characters’ surfaces, whether those surfaces be carefully manicured (in the case of the Girard women) or wildly untended (in the case of Gold).

Those with a low tolerance for theatricality in their films may wish to avoid “My Old Lady.” While Horowitz makes good use of Parisian cafes and streets to alleviate the sense of being stage-bound to the apartment, he makes no effort to disguise the theatricality of his language. Yet there’s pleasure in the snappy dialogue and rambling, self-revelatory

speechifying.

How relevant or relatable viewers will find all this is questionable, but fans of the actors will take true pleasure in their tart verbal sparring. After all the wicked nastiness, Horowitz offers up the just plain nice thought that three hurt people can share one redemptive healing process. Like the new women in his life, Mathias may not wind up as good as new (who does?), but he arrives at the best he can hope for: as good as Gold.

Rated PG-13 for thematic material and some sexual references. One hour, 47 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

THE MAZE RUNNER ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Argentine author Jorge Luis Borges once wrote, “There is no need to build a labyrinth when the entire universe is one.” To the extent that the new YA-derived, dystopian science-fiction actioner “The Maze Runner” is about anything, it’s about this: being thrust into a baffling and frustrating life.

James Dashner’s novel (on which the film is based) can be read as an allegory of puberty. Its young characters, literally orphaned, compare to an audience of teens who have largely cut off their parents from their inner lives just when they could most use the guidance of those who have escaped the maze of adolescence.

Wes Ball’s film begins with young Thomas (Dylan O’Brien of MTV’s “Teen Wolf”) gasping into consciousness in an ascending elevator, a cold-comfort womb that expels him into a dangerous new world. This world is “the Glade,” a semi-wooded clearing ringed by giant concrete blocks (the titular maze). The amnesiac Thomas, just the latest “greenie” to wind up in the Glade, finds himself in a society with rigorous rules (misbehave or freak out, and you’ll find yourself in



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Dylan O’Brien plays Thomas, a young man dropped into a dystopian world in “The Maze Runner.”

“the Box”), designs for survival, and a creeping hopelessness about ever achieving freedom. Still, those sent in to try are the chosen ones: “maze runners” who risk their lives on nightly excursions to map the labyrinth.

This world of constant tests on human lab rats certainly resembles its Hollywood pitch (“Lord of the Flies” meets “Lost”), especially in the fraught dynamic between the hot-headed Gally (Will Poulter of “We’re the Millers”) and the shrewd Newt (Thomas Brodie-Sangster of “Game of Thrones”). The “Tiger Beat”-friendly cast also includes Kaya Scodelario as a girl from Thomas’s cloudy past, Aml Ameen as the Glade’s eldest veteran, and Ki Hong Lee as

the runner to whom Thomas proves his bona fides.

“The Maze Runner” functions best when it’s on the move. Ball has the knack for drumming up intensity, especially in the close-scrape maze scenes involving those shifting, vine-covered blocks and some mortally nasty cyborg guardians that will no doubt fuel some nightmares for younger viewers. Much of “The Maze Runner,” though, amounts to portentous conversation and clunky exposition, the latter required to put across what was once novelistic narration.

Rated PG-13 for thematic elements and intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action, including some disturbing images. One hour, 53 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

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HIGHLIGHT

Festival on the Plaza

The City of Mountain View and the Central Business Association will hold the first Festival on the Plaza, a public event with live Latin music, sangria, beer and food trucks. Sept. 20, noon-6 p.m. Prices vary. Mountain View Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6446. www.mountainview.gov/plazaevents

ART GALLERIES

'Pomegranate Art' by Linda Tapscott

The Oshman Family JCC will have on display pomegranate wire mesh sculptures by Linda Tapscott in the Goldman Sport & Wellness Complex. Aug. 26-Nov. 15, complex hours. Free. Goldman Sport & Wellness Complex, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 510-409-1297. www.ltapscott.com

Richard Bostrom solo exhibit Gallery 9 in Los Altos will mount an exhibit of wood sculpture and abstract paintings by Bay Area artist Richard Bostrom. Sept. 2-27, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

AUDITIONS

Foothill dance company open call The Foothill Repertory Dance Company will hold auditions for dancers of all abilities, backgrounds, styles and sizes. Contact Bubba Gong for more info. Sept. 24 and 26, 6 p.m. Free; \$3 parking. Foothill College, Room 2504, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7354. www.foothill.edu/dance/

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Walk from Obesity This walk will help to spread awareness of obesity and raise funds for prevention, education, research and treatment. Those who register will receive an official Walk from Obesity T-shirt and a one-year membership with the Obesity Action Coalition. Registration and check-in will start 8 a.m. Sept. 20, 9-11 a.m. \$25 online; \$35 on site. El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-988-7563. walkfromobesity.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=700

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

'Successful Bulbs for our Mediterranean Climate' Roberta Barnes will give a talk and answer questions on the use of bulbs, discussing different varieties, design ideas, bulb shopping and care. Sept. 24, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 408-282-3105. mastergardener.org/scc.html

Adult Video Production course This four-week course will offer hands-on, practical experience in video production, including working with cameras, a teleprompter, audio equipment, a switcher and character graphics. Wednesdays, Oct. 1-22, 6:30 p.m. \$99. KMVT 15 Community Television, 1400 Terra Bella Ave., Suite M, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1540. www.kmvt15.org/learn/workshop/videoproduction.html

Foothill College Fall Quarter registration Foothill College Fall Quarter registration is still open on the school's website. Classes will run from Sept. 22 to Dec. 12. July 21-Sept. 22. \$31/unit for California residents, plus basic fees. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7325. www.foothill.fhda.edu/admissions.php

Google Tips & Tricks workshop This Los Altos Library workshop will help community members in utilizing the Google search engine, covering how to limit searches to specific requests and find recent news events. It will also review Google Crisis Maps, Google Trends, Google Scholar and Google Advanced. Sept. 23, 2-3 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683.

Native Horticultural Symposium 2014

The California Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, and the Foothill College Horticulture Department will hold its annual symposium on the topic of "Saving Water, Creating Beauty with California Native Plants." The all-day event will include talks by a variety of garden experts. Sept. 20, 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m. See website for prices. Foothill Community College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.cnps-scv.org

Zoom In Video Production workshop Midpeninsula Community Media Center will offer a 15-hour intensive workshop on creating

a digital video, from filming to editing, uploading to YouTube and producing a DVD. All software, equipment and learning materials will be provided. Sept. 20, 21 and 28, see website for times. \$150. Midpeninsula Community Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-494-8686 ext. 11. midpenmedia.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CSA Hometown Heroes At this annual event, Community Service Agency will honor their Hometown Heroes, individuals and businesses who have made philanthropic contributions to the agency and the community. This year's heroes are Sally Lieber; YIPEE!, a program of the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce; and Google. Sept. 19, 7:15-9 a.m. \$45. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-968-0836. www.csacares.org

Downtown Los Altos PARK(ing) Day 2014

A free one-day pop-up park will be constructed outside of Linden Tree Books and Earth Beauty Apothecary in downtown Los Altos. The park will feature turf, seating, chalk and magnet walls, and plants from Los Altos Nursery. Sept. 19, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Linden Tree Books and Earth Beauty Apothecary, 265 and 271 State Street, Los Altos. passerelleinvestments.com

Santa Clara Corvettes Spectacular car show

Santa Clara Corvettes will hold its 38th annual Corvette Spectacular, where there will be one of the largest collections of Corvettes on the West Coast. There will also be a live band, vendors and a raffle. Registration is 8 a.m. and awards will be given out at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 21, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Free for spectators. Downtown Los Altos, Main Street, Los Altos. Call 408-210-4067. www.sccorvettes.org

CONCERTS

Agustin Anievas Piano Recital Agustin Anievas, an internationally recognized pianist who began his career as a child prodigy, will give a solo recital of pieces by Schubert, Beethoven and Chopin. Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. \$43-\$63 adult; \$33-\$53 student/senior. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.steinwaysociety.com/concert.php?date=20140920

Beyond Wonderland This two-day "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" themed festival will offer many electronic music acts, vendors, interactive art, elaborate decorations, and food and drinks. Sept. 20 and 21, 1-11 p.m. See website for ticket prices. Shoreline Amphitheatre & Grounds, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. www.beyondwonderland.com

Peninsula Harmony Chorus annual show

Peninsula Harmony Chorus will present its annual show, this year with the theme "Harmony Around the World." The chorus will sing songs from various countries in a cappella harmony. Sept. 20, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$15 in advance; \$18 at the door. Christ Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1040 Border Road, Los Altos. Call 408-255-4572. www.peninsulaharmony.org

USAF Band of the Golden West

Chamber players from the USAF Band of the Golden West, an active-duty Air Force band, will play pieces by Schubert, Reinecke and D'Rivera. Sept. 27, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm

EXHIBITS

'Decline & Renewal' The Mohr Gallery will have on display an exhibit called "Decline & Renewal, Mixed Media Works on Paper" by artist Erin Goodwin-Guerrero. Aug. 8-Sept. 28, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm

'Recorded Live' The Community School of Music and Arts will have on display an exhibit called "Recorded Live: Drawings, Paintings and Collage," which features works exploring the human form by a number of artists. Sept. 2-30, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3

p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Mohr Gallery, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm

FAMILY AND KIDS

'Raising a Multilingual Child' In this talk for parents with newborns to children age 8, Sylvia Ford will talk about the opportunity for young children to learn a new language and suggest ways that they can retain those skills. Sept. 25, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6897. www.mountainview.gov/depts/library/default.asp

Plaza Palooza: Children's Hour For this Plaza Palooza event, the City of Mountain View will welcome the Puppet Art Theatre Co. to perform "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Oct. 3, noon-1 p.m. Free. Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov/plazaevents

Train Days The Los Altos History Museum will host a two-day family event focusing on model railroading. There will be elaborate layouts, scenery and moving trains — complete with steam, lights and sound. Sept. 20 and 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 ages 5 and older. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-9427 ext. 14. losaltoshistory.org/events.html

FOOD AND DRINK

Friday Farmers Market The Oshman Family JCC is now home to its own weekly certified farmers market. Local food trucks are in attendance each week. Fridays, year-round, noon-5 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, Jessica Lynn Saal Town Square, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. www.paloaltojcc.org/market

Tied House NFL 2014 Season To celebrate the San Francisco 49ers football season, on Sundays Tied House will offer beer and drink specials, including 49-cent half pints and its signature Bloody "Hail" Mary. Sundays, Sept. 7-Dec. 28, 9:30 p.m. Prices vary. Tied House Microbrewery and Cafe, 954 Villa St., Mountain View. Call 650-965-2739. www.tiedhouse.com

LIVE MUSIC

Plaza Palooza: Guitarist Jonathan Devoto As part of the Plaza Palooza series, which will hold a performance each month, Jonathan Devoto will perform a show of clean electric guitar. Food and beverages will be available. Oct. 3, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov/plazaevents

Ukulele Jams Festival Ukulele Jams and Mountain View High School choirs will hold a festival with music, food, shopping, workshops, performances by local musicians and hula halau. A special concert by Herb Ohta Jr. and Jon Yamasoto will conclude the day at 5 p.m. Sept. 28, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. \$15 general, \$5 youth for the festival; \$25 for the concert; \$30 for both. Mountain View High School Quad, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-940-4649. ukejamfest.com

Zen Zenith residency at Red Rock Local musician Zen Zenith will continue his residency at Red Rock Coffee, where he will perform acoustic sets, sing and tell stories. Fridays, Sept. 5-26, 8-10:30 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 408-505-2454. www.redrockcoffee.org

ON STAGE

'Big Fish' The Palo Alto Players will put on a production of "Big Fish," a visually-striking musical that pays tribute to family and the magic of storytelling. Sept. 12-28, Thursdays at 7 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. \$34-\$48. Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-0891. www.paplayers.org

'House and Garden' This production of Alan Ayckbourn's "House and Garden" will include

two comedies taking place simultaneously in two adjacent theaters — with a shared cast. One follows the Platts as they host an annual May Fete at their English estate, while the other takes place on the same estate's grounds. Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 12-Oct. 5, 8-10:30 p.m. \$10-\$35. Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-254-1148. www.thepear.org

'The Great American Trailer Park Musical' The Los Altos Stage Company will put on several performances of "The Great American Trailer Park Musical." Set in a mobile home community called Armadillo Acres, the campy musical involves a young stripper, an agoraphobic housewife and a tollbooth collector. Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 4-28, 8 p.m. \$18-\$36. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.losaltosstage.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Insight Meditation South Bay Shaila Catherine and guest teachers will lead weekly Insight Meditation sittings, followed by talks on Buddhist teachings. Tuesdays, July 22-Sept. 23, 7:30-9 p.m. Donations accepted. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. www.imsb.org

SENIORS

Driving with emergency vehicles talk Emergency medical technicians will give a talk on what to do in various situations when drivers come across emergency vehicles. Sept. 25, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MVEF Home Tour The Mountain View Educational Foundation will hold its 2014 Home Tour, showcasing seven homes in Old Mountain View in the Franklin Street neighborhood between the library and the police station. Sept. 28, 1-5 p.m. \$25. Downtown Mountain View, Mountain View. Call 650-526-3500 ext. 1030. www.mvef.org

LECTURES & TALKS

Author Eric Butow on 'Google Glass for Dummies' Eric Butow, a technical writer

and online marketing specialist, will share his new book "Google Glass for Dummies," a full-color guide to using the product from setup to configuration. Sept. 25, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net/event/eric-butow-books-inc-mountain-view

Author Hampton Sides on 'In the Kingdom of Ice' Hampton Sides, outdoors journalist and bestselling writer, will share his latest work, "In the Kingdom of Ice: The Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS Jeannette." Sept. 22, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net/event/hampton-sides-books-inc-mountain-view

Computer History Museum:

Celebrating 35 Years Museum co-founder Gordon Bell and Chairman Len Shustek will talk about the making of the computing museum and its impact with President and CEO John Hollar. Register on the website is encouraged. Sept. 26, noon. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.computerhistory.org/events

Fireside Chat with Esther Wojcicki

Journalist and educator Esther Wojcicki will attend an informal event with dinner, wine and refreshments. Sept. 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$55 (includes dinner, wine and refreshments). Oshman Family JCC, Freidenrich Conference Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/Adults/Lectures-Dialogues

VOLUNTEERS

Silicon Valley Tour de Coop preparation Neighbors Helping Neighbors will hold a variety of volunteer activities leading up to and during the Silicon Valley Tour de Coop, a bike ride between chicken coops and home gardens on Sept. 21. Volunteer opportunities include putting up fliers and posters, doing test bike rides, organizing other small events to spread the word and staffing locations on tour day. June-September, dates and times vary. Free. Neighbors Helping Neighbors events, various nearby locations, Palo Alto and Mountain View. Call 650-283-0270. tourdecoop.org

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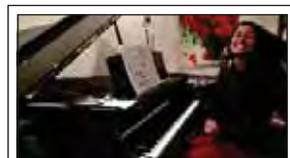
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Low inventories, fast sales, buyers paying more

By Hadar Guibara

Maybe it was all the commotion and preoccupation caused by the holiday season back in December and spilling over into January that turned sluggish the activities of Mountain View home buyers, but by the time the Super Bowl rolled around in February, the home-seekers were back to their predictable ravenous behavior.

Homes disappearing rapidly

Between February and July 2014, Mountain View homes were scooped up faster than in any six-month period in the last four years. Following a lackluster December and January, during which homes spent a combined average of 127 days on the market before being sold, homes in February through July lasted just 74 days — that's the total averages for all six months combined.

Breaking it down, that means homes stayed on the market an average of 63.5 days in December and January. The



individual monthly average for the next six months was 12.3 days. Homes in February never collected dust as they averaged only nine days before being bought.

Buyers are growing more and more motivated to get into these properties. Look at the average days on the market for homes between February and July in 2011 through 2014.

Average days on the market, Feb.-July

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| 2011: | 35.0 |
| 2012: | 23.2 |
| 2013: | 16.7 |
| 2014: | 12.3 |

To further paint the picture, here are the number of new listings that appeared on the market in the same six-month period for each of the last four years.

New listings, Feb.-July

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| 2011: | 214 |
| 2012: | 191 |
| 2013: | 185 |
| 2014: | 153 |

So we see fewer homes coming onto the market and faster sales of the homes that do arrive. This competitive atmosphere is being fueled by a growing number of buyers. We've seen a steady increase of qualified buyers from China, India and other countries seeking properties throughout Silicon Valley as either first or second homes or as investments. In Mountain View, buyer numbers have risen further and will likely continue to rise with the expansion taking place at Google and other growing tech entities.

As to what buyers are willing to pay, homes in Mountain View over the last three years have consistently sold at 5 percent to 15 percent above their listing price.

The growth in this trend has been slow but predictable. Most of 2011 saw homes selling for very close to asking price. The

percentage paid over listing price moved up in 2012 to 5 percent to 7 percent. The sale price-to-list price ratio continued to widen in 2013, when buyers in every month from March to July paid 10 percent or more above the asking price. So far in 2014, no month saw sold prices less than 8 percent over listing prices; in April and May, that percentage reached 15, the highest in the last four years.

Do these numbers give us a hint of what to expect as we move into fall and winter? It's impossible to predict the market and seller and buyer behavior, but based on the statistics we've explored here, we see three clear trends that we should expect to continue in the upcoming months:

- Fewer homes being listed for sale;
- Homes selling in increasingly short periods of time;
- Buyers willing to pay higher percentages over sellers' listing prices. ■

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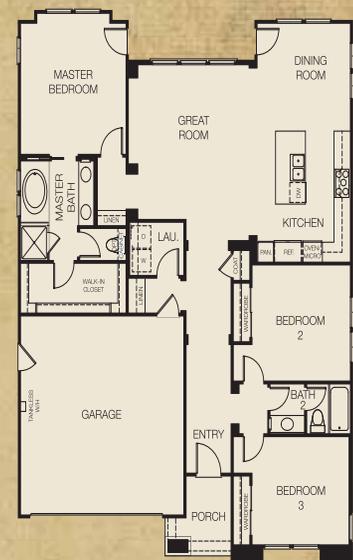
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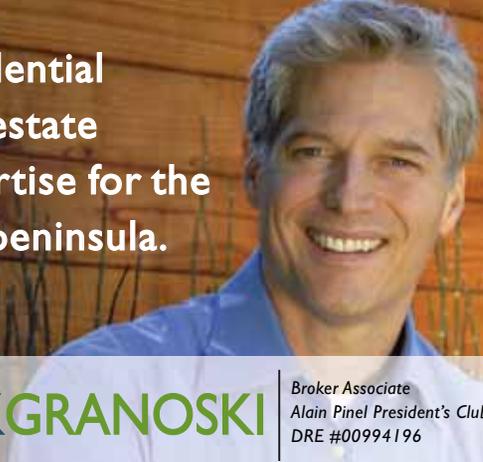
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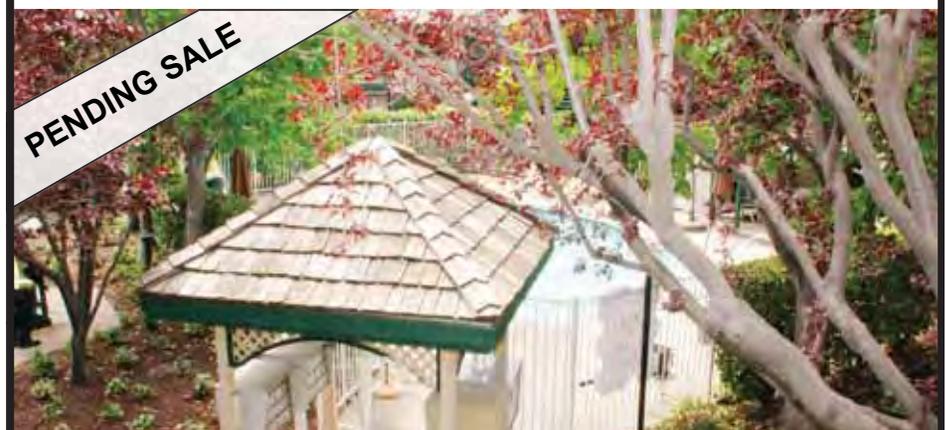
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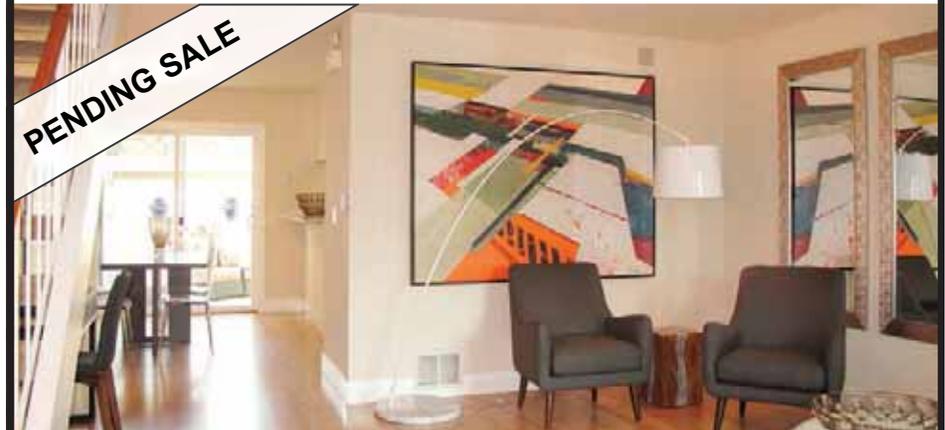
1367 Cordilleras Avenue, Sunnyvale Offered at \$975,000

3 bed | 1 ba | 1,034 sq ft | 9,450 sq ft lot
Charming home in a great neighborhood with remodeled eat-in kitchen, new exterior paint, new carpeting, large backyard & attached 2 car garage



2025 California Avenue #23, Mountain View List Price \$299,000

1 bed | 1 ba | 640 sq ft
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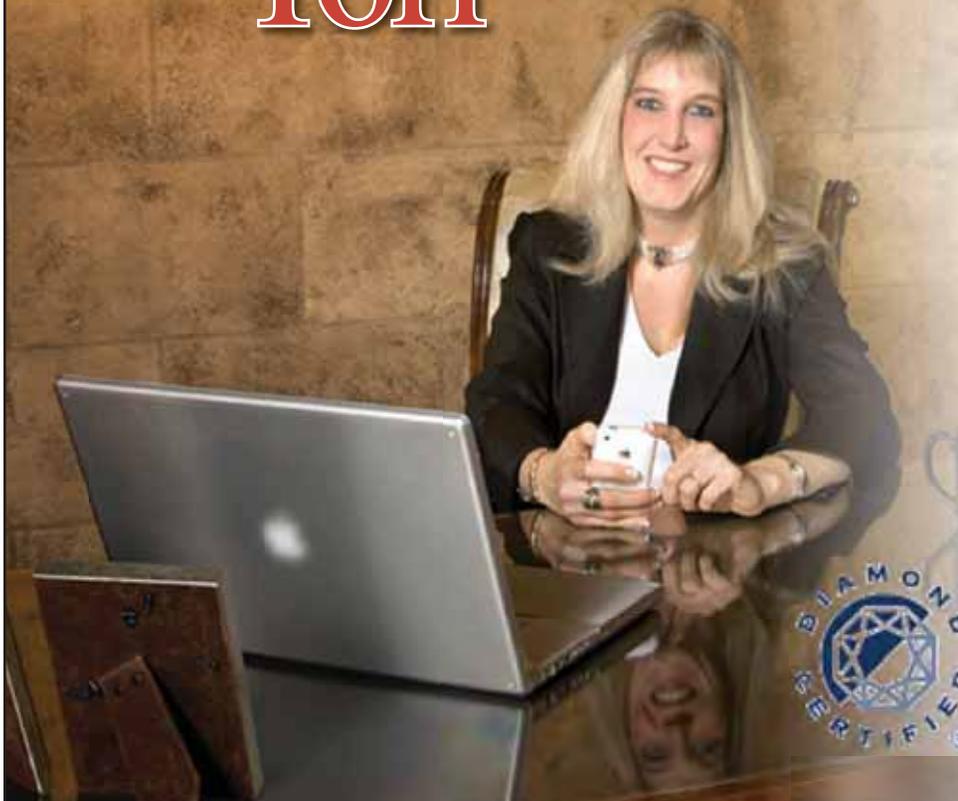
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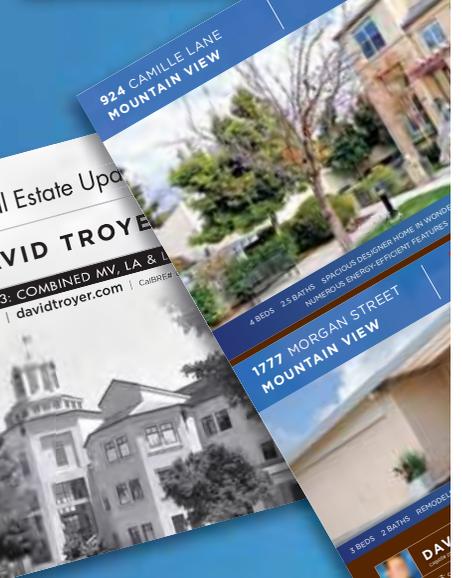
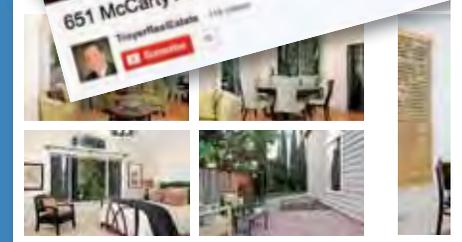
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- 3 bedrooms and 3.5 baths
- Approximately 1,654 sq. ft.
- Stunning kitchen
- Bright with soaring ceilings
- Highly regarded local schools

| LIST PRICE | SALE PRICE | DOM* |
|-------------|-------------|------|
| \$2,198,000 | \$2,700,000 | 8 |
| \$2,150,000 | \$2,300,000 | 6 |
| \$2,448,000 | \$2,250,000 | 87 |
| \$1,758,000 | \$1,810,000 | 8 |
| \$1,850,000 | \$1,801,000 | 58 |
| \$1,595,000 | \$1,800,000 | 7 |
| \$1,498,000 | \$1,800,000 | 9 |
| \$1,425,000 | \$1,700,000 | 9 |
| \$1,499,000 | \$1,657,500 | 8 |



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